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Polymnia uvedalia

[Synonyms : *Osteospermum uvedalia*, *Smallanthus uvedalia*]

BEARSFOOT is a perennial. Native to the eastern United States it has daisy-like yellow-centred flowers.

It is also known as American bearsfoot, Hairy leafcup, Indian cup plant, Leaf cup, Uvedalia, Yellow bearsfoot, Yellow-flower leaf-cup, and Yellow leaf cup.

Today bearsfoot is an ingredient in hair tonic ointments and lotions.

A few North American Indian tribes seem to have used bearsfoot medicinally. Iroquois Indians prescribed it for treating kidney problems, back pain and fever, and also used it as a sedative and to cause vomiting. In contrast the Cherokee, although they used it during childbirth, seem primarily to have applied it externally on burns, wounds and some skin problems.

It has been recommended in the treatment of malarial disorders.